

official representation and reception expenses
for the Overseas Field
Offices.

SEC. 206. (a) For fiscal year 1997, the
obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities
described in subsection
(b) may not exceed \$108,275,000.

(b) The activities referred to in subsection
(a) are reimbursable
and revolving fund activities that are funded
from sources other
than appropriations to the Library in
appropriations Acts for the
legislative branch.

SEC. 207. (a)(1) Subject to subsection (b), for
fiscal year 1997,
the obligational authority of the Library of
Congress for the activi-
ties described in paragraph (2) may not exceed
\$2,000,000.

(2) The activities referred to in paragraph
(1) are non-expendi-
ture transfer activities in support of
parliamentary development
that are funded from sources other than
appropriations to the
Library in appropriations Acts for the
legislative branch.

(b) The obligational authority under
subsection (a)
Foreign countries. (1) shall be available only with respect
Expiration to Russia, Ukraine,
date. Albania, Slovakia, and Romania; and
Effective (2) shall expire on December 31, 1996.

SEC. 208. From and after October 1, 1996,
the Disbursing
Officer of the Library of Congress is authorized
to disburse funds
appropriated for the Office of Compliance, and
the Library of Con-
gress shall provide financial management
support to the Office
of Compliance as may be required and
mutually agreed to by
the Librarian of Congress and the Executive
Director of the Office
of Compliance. The Library of Congress is
further authorized to
compute and disburse the basic pay of all
personnel of the Office
of Compliance pursuant to the provisions of
section 5504 of
title 5.

All vouchers certified for payment by duly authorized
certifying Certification
officers of the Library of Congress shall be supported
with a certification
by an officer or employee of the Office of
Compliance duly
authorized in writing by the Executive Director of the
Office of
Compliance to certify payments from appropriations of
the Office
of Compliance. The Office of Compliance certifying
officers shall
(1) be held responsible for the existence and

correctness of the facts recited in the certificate or otherwise stated on the voucher or its supporting paper and the legality of the proposed payment under the appropriation or fund involved, (2) be held responsible and accountable for the correctness of the computations of certifications made, and (3) be held accountable for and required to make good to the United States the amount of any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate made by them, as well as for any payment prohibited by law which did not represent a legal obligation under the appropriation or fund involved: *Provided*, That the Comptroller General of the United States may, at his discretion, relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for any payment otherwise proper whenever he finds (1) that the certification was based on official records and that such certifying officer or employee did not know, and by reasonable diligence and inquiry could not have ascertained the actual facts, or (2) that the obligation was incurred in good faith, that the payment was not contrary to any statutory provision specifically prohibiting payments of the character involved, and the United States has received value for such payment: *Provided further*, That the Comptroller General shall relieve